

Sisters' Society C. E.

Hold Thou My Hands!

Hold Thou my hands!
In grief and joy, in hope and fear,
Lord, let me feel that Thou art near;
Hold Thou my hands!

If e'er, by doubts
Of Thy good Fatherhood depressed,
I cannot find in Thee my rest,
Hold Thou my hands!

Hold Thou my hands!
These passionate hands too quick to smite,
These hands so eager for delight—
Hold Thou my hands!

And when at length,
With darkened eyes and fingers cold,
I seek some last loved hand to hold,
Hold Thou my hands! —William Canton.

Ashland, Ohio

I want to acknowledge the receipt of the quilt block with the \$1.20 from the Lanark sisters. We also thank those who were so prompt and sent their portion to Winona, Conference time. While it was a disappointment not to receive all the blocks then, there is yet time for those who didn't send their's to finish them and send them to Mrs Augustine. Will you not please attend to this as soon as possible, so that our theological fund may be increased? Let us also be very prompt this fall in sending the semi-annual remittance, for surely this is an important part of the Lord's work.

The Sister's Society of the Brethren Chapel, near Akron, Indiana, is one of the few that holds an all-day meeting every year. It is a most excellent occasion to increase the membership of the society, by securing new names when so many are present. A program was sent me which I will give below with the hope that it may be helpful for other societies to follow their example.

VIANNA DETWILER.

Program S. S. C. E. Meeting, Brethren Chapel,
Ind., Sept. 21 and 22

FRIDAY EVENING

Devotional, T. J. Sausaman.
Sermon, Rev. D. A. Hopkins.

SATURDAY FORENOON

Devotional, Mrs. John Miller.
Address of Welcome, Mrs. David Bright.
Response, Laura A. Karn.
Music.
Reports of Secretary and Treasurer.
Is the Work of the S. S. C. E. Limited? Bessie Perry, Rev. W. H. Miller.

Whom May We Help, and How, in Ministering Unto Christ? Rev. L. O. Hubbard, Sister Louis.
Recitation, Wreatha Burns.

Music.

Can we Abide in Christ Without the Help of the Church, Bible, Prayer, etc., Sarah Stephey.
Response, D. C. Swonger.
Sermon, Rev. D. A. Hopkins.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Devotional, Brother Woolly.
Address, Bessie Perry.
Recitation, Ethel Ralston.
Music.

How can the Society best use Its Money for the cause of Christ? S. S. Hoffman, S. J. Cook.
Ladies' Quartette, Ralston Sisters.

How can the Society do More for the Cause of Prohibition? E. H. Ralston, D. A. Hopkins.

How can the Society do More for the Home Mission Work? T. C. Leslie, Laura A. Karn.

Is the Society Complying with the Rules of the Church as Taught in the Bible, Susan Heeter, Mrs. Richter.

Roll Call.

Election of Officers.

Benediction.

Everybody cordially invited.

Our Young People

Blessings In Disguise

Oft when of God we ask
For fuller, happier life,
He sets us some new task
Involving care and strife;
Is this the boon for which we sought?
Has prayer new trouble on us brought?

This is indeed the boon,
Tho strange to us it seems;
We pierce the rock, and soon
The blessing on us streams;
For when we are the most athirst,
Then the clear waters on us burst.

We toil as in a field,
Wherein, to us unknown,
A treasure lies concealed,
Which may be all our own;
And shall we of the toil complain
That speedily will bring such gain?

We dig the wells of life,
And God the water gives;
We win our way by strife,
Then he within us lives;
And only war could make us meet
For peace so sacred and so sweet.

—T. T. Lynch.

PAUL THE MISSIONARY: THE SECRET OF HIS SUCCESS.—II Tim. 4:1-8.

Topic for Oct. 14. (Quarterly Missionary meeting.)

No more inspiring lesson could be selected for a missionary meeting than the life of the Apostle Paul. No one so thoroughly caught the broad spirit of love from the Master nor carried it out with such fervent zeal. It is perhaps not too much to say that, under God, we owe it to Paul that Christianity did not get side tracked and its adherents numbered as merely one of the Jewish sects, because the other disciples favored retaining circumcision and other Jewish rites and forcing them upon the Gentiles. But Paul contended for a pure Christianity and prevailed. Not the Judaistic but the Pauline Christianity became dominant. Wherever Paul went he left believers in Christ. His life as well as his words bore testimony to the fact on the Damascus road he had seen the Lord and his life had been changed. In that changed life will be found the secret of success. The scriptures following should not be read and passed by but should be explained by some one competent to do so.

Paul's Good Traits Before Conversion

Conscientiousness, Acts 23:1.
Zeal, Gal. 1:14.

Paul's Aims as a Missionary

To fulfill his commission, Acts 26:16-18.
To reach Jews and Gentiles, Rom. 11:13, 14.
To preach in new fields, Rom. 15:20, 21; II Cor. 10:15, 16.
To train new churches, Acts 20:18, 21.
To raise up other workers, Acts 14:20, 23.
To do God's will, Acts 13:4; 16:7.

Paul's Methods

Use of strategic points.
Centers of commerce, Acts 9:29; Acts 18:1-7, 8, 11, 18.
Roman power, Acts 19:21.
Jewish foundations, Acts 17:1, 2.

Paul's preaching, Gal. 1:16; II Cor. 4:5; I Cor. 2:2-4.

Teaching boldly, Acts 9:27, 28.

Preaching fully, Rom. 15:19.

Paul's use of helpers, II Tim. 4:10-12, etc.

What lesson from Paul's use of helpers can we learn as to the use of native workers?

Paul's use of letters, I Cor. 11:27; II Cor. 2:2, 9, etc.

What can we learn from Paul as to the use of "printer's ink" in missionary work?

Paul's life as an example, I Cor. 4:5; Phil. 3:7; I Cor. 11:1; I Thess. 1:6.

Can preaching be long successful unless backed by a good life?

TOPICS FOR TALKS

- 1 What to preach as a missionary, I Cor. 2:2.
- 2 The preparation necessary for a missionary. (Note 1, Paul's good blood. 2, His education in the finest school of his day. 3, His thorough conversion, Acts 9. 4, His schooling in Arabia, Gal. 1:11, 12, 17.)

QUESTIONS

- 1 Was Paul a home or foreign missionary?
- 2 Why did not Paul wait until all his own countrymen were converted before carrying the gospel to the regions beyond?
- 3 What obstacles did Paul have as a missionary.
- 4 Do we have as great inducements to missionary work as Paul did?
- 5 What do you think was the secret of Paul's success as a missionary?
- 6 Are miracles necessary to success in missionary work?
- 7 Can Paul's healing of diseases be used as a precedent for medical missions to-day?
- 8 What can our church learn from Paul as a missionary?

C. F. YODER.

A Quiet Talk with the Presidents of the Several Societies

Some one has said, that when you can not do a thing yourself, refer it to a committee. This is only partially to be accepted. A committee by no manner of means relieves the one creating it of all responsibility. The one appointing a committee is responsible for the accomplishing of a work that he has placed into the hands of others. No president of a Young People's society will, therefore look upon committee work as a device whereby he can relieve himself of all responsibility. You, presidents of the societies are responsible for what is done or not done in the societies. The society has elected you to the office because of your fitness for the office. The members have faith in you that you not only *can* but that you *will* accomplish the end for which the society is set. Do not, therefore, thru indifference, or idleness, betray the confidence placed in you. Your office is one of trust. The work of the society has been placed in your hands. You are to lead the way. Respect, therefore, the office to which you have been called. May it not be the voice of God and if so you are further responsible to Him for your work. Look not upon your office as a burdensome one, but rather as a chosen field in which to serve your Master, and His service is not burdensome but joyous and inspiring. Consider well, then, the opportunity given you for Christian service. To-day, next to the pastor's yours is the largest field in the church in which to work. Indeed, it is not too much to say that to day